



## The Lincoln School

# Lincletter

**Wednesday**

**March 11, 2009**

### CO-PRESIDENTS' NOTE

Thank you to all the families who ventured to Wilson Farms last Wednesday with shopping lists in hand! Winchester Public Schools received a check for \$2,590 from Wilson Farms. Doing the math on a 20% rebate, Winchester families spent a cool \$12,950 at Wilson Farms in one single day. We hope you enjoy the tulips, cheese or fresh fruit that you purchased, knowing a portion would help support our schools. There are several very important schedule changes to be aware of. Please note that Winchester public school year will begin the Tuesday BEFORE Labor Day for the 09/10 school year. The school calendar for next year is attached to this Lincletter. Please take this into consideration when making vacation plans. Also, the March LSPA meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, instead of the original date of March 18<sup>th</sup>. While green beverages cannot be promised, Bill McAlduff, superintendent of our schools, and members of the School Committee will attend to discuss the future of Winchester Public Schools. We are fortunate to have them set aside time to speak with us so PLEASE mark your calendars and bring your friends!! The meeting will take place at 8:30am in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you.  
—Jenny Splaine and Linda McDonough

### CALENDAR

**Wed-Fri, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>**

11:30 early release, conferences

**Tues, March 17<sup>th</sup>:** LSPA meeting 8:30am with Bill McAlduff and school committee members in cafeteria (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

**Thurs, March 26<sup>th</sup>:** 11:30 early release, Professional Development

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5<sup>th</sup> Graders Polar Project Wrap Up  
11:45 – 1 PM Lincoln Auditorium

**Thurs, April 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mentor Night

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE BABYSITTING - Available during Parent Teacher Conferences

Once again the 5<sup>th</sup> graders (with adult supervision) will be offering babysitting services during the parent teacher

conferences, from 11:45-3:00 pm on March 11, 12 and 13. A nominal fee is charged which helps to fund year-end activities for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. No advance sign up is necessary. If you are interested, please come to the Main Street lobby before your conference to register your children. Please contact Betsy Walsh at 781-729-6598 or [walshhome@mindspring.com](mailto:walshhome@mindspring.com) if you have any questions.

### MARCH SPECIAL EDUCATION PAC COFFEE

Winchester Special Education PAC is hosting a coffee on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 - 11:30 am at the home of Cara Falconi, 62 Water St. Come by and chat with School Committee members Sarah Girotti and Michael Schindelman.



### JUST 10 BOX TOPS PER STUDENT = OUR \$1,500 GOAL!

A mere 10 Box Tops brought in by each Lincoln student and you don't have to read these reminders anymore!! We are so close to our goal and need your help. Please scour your cabinets, tear your tops and send them in to help reach our goal. Thank you for your support of the Box Top program

### 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS & PARENTS

It's a Winchester tradition for all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choruses from Winchester to come together for an evening of choral singing at Winchester High School Auditorium. This annual Spring Sing Fling is a wonderful opportunity for the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders to hear and be heard. This year's concert will feature High School Octets and Chamber Singers who will sing a combined number with the elementary choruses.

The concert will take place on Tuesday, April 14, at 7:30 pm. Students should arrive at WHS Auditorium at 7:10 pm for warm-ups and a quick rehearsal. The concert is free and open to families and friends of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students. The length of the concert is approximately one hour.

### MORE MUSIC PROGRAM NOTES!

On Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, the WHS Symphony & WHS Sinfonietta will present their annual **Kids' Concert** with an instrument petting zoo and maraca building workshop starting at 6:30pm in the WHS auditorium. This is an opportunity for elementary school students and their families to learn about the instruments and music lessons offered at their school. The music starts at 7:00; all are welcome to enjoy Felix Mendelssohn's "Overture to A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Souvenir de Puerto Rico" by Louis Moreau Gottschalk and John Lennon's lullaby "Goodnight." The evening will end at about 7:45.

Lessons are offered for strings starting in grade 3; trumpet, trombone, horn, clarinet, flute, and sax in grade 4; and percussion in grade 5. The fee for lessons is \$350 per year. Signups occur every spring. Information will be available at the concert and will be distributed to students in their music classes in April.

### "ECOTHON" UPDATE

The 5<sup>th</sup> Graders' Family "Eco-Thon" is going strong! Please see the attached flier and checklist for information, and drop off your contributions by March 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Eco-Thon box in the Lincoln School lobby or with your child's teacher.

### WINCHESTER SCHOOLS SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Winchester is piloting a new set of programs this summer! Winchester teachers submitted course proposals in subject areas they are passionate about. Their ideas are creative and inspiring. We hope that many children will share their interest and sign up this summer. A copy of the course catalog is available on the LSPA table across from the Lincoln library. Contact Nancy Clark at [nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us](mailto:nclark@winchester.k12.ma.us) or 781/721-7001 with questions about registration, availability, and administration.

### PARTY FOR THE ARTS!

Please join the Winchester Friends of Art on March 28, 2009 for the annual PARTY

FOR THE ARTS! The party celebrates and supports the visual arts program in the Winchester Public Schools, grades K-12, and all proceeds benefit the art programs in our schools. The party will be at the Sanborn House, 15 High Street Winchester, from 8:00-11:00 (21+) and the FREE STUDENT RECEPTION is from 2-4pm. Everyone is invited to admire the art work on display. Tickets for the evening party, \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door, are available at Book Ends, or contact [winchesterfoa@hotmail.com](mailto:winchesterfoa@hotmail.com).

### **COMMUNITY NEWS:** **PARENTING BOOK GROUP**

Parent to Parent and the Winchester Public Library are offering a series of four book group discussions focused on a wide range of parenting issues. Our first two meetings were characterized by spirited and supportive parent-to-parent discussions, and we look forward to this month's meeting, which will be focused on *Season of Life*, written by Pulitzer Prize winner Jeffrey Marx. This memoir is about a man finding his boyhood football-playing hero and learning what it means to be a man of substance and impact. While reviewers have noted that the book should be required reading for high school students and coaches, we feel that parents of children of all ages will also be deeply moved and inspired. The discussion is scheduled for March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. We do not expect that all in attendance will have finished the book; our goal is to offer an opportunity to informally discuss the parenting issues that are raised.

The book is available at the Circulation Desk of the Library, and can be purchased at Book Ends, where you will receive a 20% discount if you mention the book group. Our final group discussion of the year will be on April 30, when we will be talking about the profound parenting issues raised in Jodi Picoult's novel about a school shooting, *Nineteen Minutes*. For more information, contact Parent to Parent at [parenttoparentwinchester.org](http://parenttoparentwinchester.org).

### **WINCHESTER COOPERATIVE THEATER PRESENTS CINDERELLA!**

Come relive the enchantment of the Cinderella story with Winchester Co-op Theatre. This classic fairytale comes to life with singing, dancing and a good dose of humor from 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade actors. From the cruellest stepsister to the kindest mice, these young actors will inspire you with a story of hope as Cinderella combats the drudgery in her life with the happiness in her heart.

Friday March 20 @ 7:30 p.m.

Saturday March 21 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday March 22 @ 1:00 p.m.  
Friday March 27 @ 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday March 28 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday March 29 @ 1:00 & 4:00 p.m.  
McCall Middle School; Call 781-721-PLAY for tickets (\$15 each); recommended for ages 3 and up. You may also purchase tickets directly from the actors in Cinderella who attend Lincoln! Feel free to contact the parents of any of the following children to buy tickets: Alexis Costales, Amanda Frate, Hope Johnson, Spencer Leuba, Lexie Masiello, Sarah McDonough, Elizabeth Murray, Carolyn Pine, and Brendan Pulsifer.

### **STAND FOR CHILDREN CALL TO ACTION!**

#### **Help us send 1,000 post cards to the State House to support Massachusetts Schools!**

Can't make Stand for Children's March 24<sup>th</sup> rally? Then send along a post card! This year, our goal is to collect 1,000 postcards with personal statements about how tight times are affecting Winchester schools. These cards will be added to thousands from around the state and delivered to legislators in a united show of concern for Massachusetts public education in these difficult times. Help make Winchester's voice be heard!

Please take a minute now to click on this link to fill out the form that will create your postcard to Sen. Pat Jehlen and/or Rep. Jason Lewis: [www.stand.org/postcard](http://www.stand.org/postcard). Of course, we'd love to have you along! To attend this year's Rally Day on March 24 when we bring bags of cards to legislators, RSVP to Jeanette Kolodziej at [jkolodziej@comcast.net](mailto:jkolodziej@comcast.net). The bus for the indoor rally at the State House will leave Winchester at 9am and return by 12:30. For more information on Rally Day and this year's Legislative agenda, visit [www.stand.org/ma](http://www.stand.org/ma).

### **STAND FOR CHILDREN**

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, the Stand for Children Education Funding Forum began with a description of a vision for quality 21<sup>st</sup> century education and included a presentation of Winchester's school budget request and school building plans. Each speaker issued a call to action to join Stand for Children's Lobby Day on March 24<sup>th</sup> at the State House (see above for more info).

The key local challenge addressed by speakers was keeping up with Winchester's persistent rapid enrollment growth. While state funding increases for Education Aid have helped significantly in recent years, the increased aid has not been enough to keep up with the rise in the

number of students in our schools. This year, Stand for Children's legislative agenda will help by defending state funding for schools, encourage policies that will help save districts money, and seek innovation and long-term funding.

For those who missed the event, summaries and slide presentations are posted on the Stand for Children website: [www.stand.org/ma](http://www.stand.org/ma) by clicking on the Winchester Chapter link.

### **WINCHESTER SELECTED AS A "COOL MASS" COMMUNITY**

Winchester will be one of the first thirteen communities in Massachusetts to participate in the "Cool Mass" program, a pilot project to reduce energy consumption across the state. Using the *Low Carbon Diet* workbook, this program guides a household through simple steps to dramatically reduce carbon usage, as well as reducing energy costs, in just one month. This is a great family opportunity to save money while helping the planet. If you're interested in finding out more, please join us at our planning meeting on Thursday, March 12, 8:30am in the Lincoln cafeteria.

### **COLLEGE GATE**

The College Gate & College Academy programs will return for their 4th summer in Winchester. Held at Winchester H.S., the programs provide a summer enrichment experience for kids in Kindergarten through/including grade 8. To obtain registration materials call Chris Harrington at 781-344-7331 or [www.collegegate.org](http://www.collegegate.org)

### **SACHEM YOUTH SPRING 2009 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SIGNUPS**

Registration is open for baseball (ages 6 – 15) and softball (1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade) for the 2009 spring season. Registrations **must be completed by March 15, 2009** in order to be guaranteed a roster spot. Please visit the SYBS website ([www.sybs.org](http://www.sybs.org)) and click on *Registration*. Players who register after March 15, 2009 will be assigned to a team on a space available basis.

### **LINCLETTER DEADLINES/TYPISTS**

Please submit news for the Lincletter, by email, to the typist listed for each deadline by Friday at 2:30 pm. News can also be dropped off in our office mailbox.

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